CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NOTES OF THE MEETING 27.01.2015.

President Paul Elliot opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed 19 members. He invited **David Rolls** to present his display on **Peru.**

David gave a brief introduction to Peru and then outlined 3 factors which had affected the production of stamps:

- Political changes such as war and civil war;
- Economic effects such as inflation in the 1880's and 1890's;
- Technological changes such as railways and air transport.

The display showed some covers which were sent before the issuing of stamps and then sets of definitive stamps. There were a number of forgeries on display. The grill method was used as one of the means to avoid fraud. Most of the first half display showed stamps such as those showing Peruvian heroes, designated as such even though they had lost the war!!

A number of postcards illustrated the creation of railways in the Andes which were used for the transport of mail. David showed a variety of covers that were carried not only by rail but also by sea. The display concluded by reference to air mail with the first flight being held on 20th September 1920.

The presentation was written up well with many maps and other material (such as railway timetables and charges) to illustrate the talk.

Members viewed the boards and the meeting closed at 21.45 hours following a vote of thanks by the President.

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